

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Messaoud Benantar		
Title:	Method and System for Public-Key-Based Secure Authentication to Distributed Legacy Applications		
Assignee:	International Business Machines Corporation		
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 22, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring March 22, 2007. For purposes of prosecuting the present application on the merits, Applicants elect Group I with traverse. To the extent the restriction requirement is understood, this election corresponds to pending claims 1-7, 14-20 and 25-31. Accordingly, Applicants request that claims 8-13, 21-24 and 32-35 be cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the election herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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